



SUMMARY

QUALITY OF LIFE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETINGS

INTRODUCTION

Approved by referendum on November 3, 1992, Quality of Life funding was created through the implementation of an additional 1% resort tax on room rent. Proceeds of this additional tax are to be used as follows:

- 50% for public incentives for the convention center headquarters hotel development
- 50% for promotion of tourism related activities and facilities, and developing, improving and maintaining tourism related public facilities

The 50% of the funds for tourism-related activities and facilities were originally allocated equally among North Beach, Middle Beach and South Beach. Currently, the distribution of the funds is equally allocated among North Beach, Middle Beach, South Beach and the Arts.

Over the next two years, the North, Middle and South Beach neighborhoods are each allocated an estimated \$1.4 million from these resort tax revenues.

As directed by the Finance and Citywide Projects Committee, and later endorsed by the City Commission, the Administration would use these funds for capital projects as well as solicit community input through a public involvement process prior to recommendations by the City Manager.

Community outreach meetings were held from May 22-24, 2006 in North, Middle and South Beach to give stakeholders the opportunity to provide input and help prioritize capital projects, which include potential park improvements, neighborhood improvements, alley improvements as well as traffic and transportation improvements. The priorities identified through this community process will be reviewed by the Commission as part of the budget process.

The series of community meeting was advertised in the Miami Herald Neighbors Section, on the City's website as well as disseminated through the City's ListServ. In addition, approximately 300 community organizations were notified of the community meetings, including homeowner associations, condominium associations and chambers of commerce. Attendance at the meetings was as follows:

Area	Date	Location	No. of Attendees
South Beach	May 22, 2006	Flamingo Park, PAL Building 999 11 th Street	20
North Beach	May 23, 2006	North Shore Youth Center, 501 72 nd Street	21
Middle Beach	May 24, 2006	21 st St Community Center, 2100 Washington Avenue	12

IDENTIFIED CITYWIDE PRIORITIES

As a result of the community meetings, the following areas were identified as citywide priorities, common across the three areas of Miami Beach:

- Landscaping/Beautification, including entrance signs
- Bike Trails (Julia Tuttle Baywalk, Parkview Canal Trail, bike lane striping along major arterials, etc.)
- Bike Racks
- Stamped Asphalt Crosswalks
- Pedestrian Countdown Signals

ADDITIONAL IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES BY AREA

Aside from the citywide priorities, other priority needs were identified in each of the outreach meetings. Following please find the priorities identified in each area:

North Beach:

- Bandshell Lighting and Landscaping
- Bandshell Marquee Sign
- Bandshell Sound System
- Normandy Golf Course

Middle Beach:

- Par 3 Golf Course Maintenance/Improvements
- Beautification (i.e., 41st Street, mosaic footbridges, etc)
- Enhanced Lighting

South Beach:

- Pooper Scooper Stations
- Flamingo Park
- Trash Receptacles

OTHER ISSUES

The meetings afforded residents the opportunity to identify other areas for improvement throughout the community. Although not related to the capital projects addressed through Quality of Life funding, these issues do affect quality of life throughout Miami Beach. Following please find other issues identified by the community as issues of importance in improving quality of life:

- Cleanliness in the commercial corridor in North Beach (71st-75th Street and Collins Avenue
- Cleanliness of the 17th Street Garage
- Cleanliness in Española Way
- Cleanliness on Pinetree Drive by the schools and Scott Rakow Youth Center
- Code Compliance (pooper scooper, commercial property maintenance, etc.)
- Beach Cleanliness
- Additional Trash receptacles along the Beach

- Beach Erosion
- Beach Access along Collins and the 50s
- 28th Street Pump Station (odor and landscaping)

Attached to this summary report is the detail of all input received, including other capital projects of interest.

South Beach
May 22, 2006
PAL Building, Flaming Park

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES:

*Pooper Scooper Stations, Trash Receptacles, Crosswalks, Pedestrian Countdown Signals, Alleyways, Lighting, Tot Lots, Shade Structures/Canopy

- Flaming Park Improvements
 - Removal of Property Mgt
 - Community Input for decision-making on Park Improvements
 - Improved Fencing
 - Decorative Entrance(s)- photo op for tourists
 - Community Garden & promenade- under royal palms
 - Circle, fountain, entrance
- Pooper Scooper
 - Additional Pooper Scooper Stations
 - Trash Receptacles
 - Particularly, around Flaming Park
- Trash Receptacles
- Shade Canopy/Landscaping – improve pedestrian friendliness
- Par 3
 - Youth Golf Program
 - Driving Range
 - Allow Scott Rakow to use for play area
 - Use space for additional parking
 - Give space to Beach High
- South Pointe Park Pier restoration- Tourist attraction
- Espanola Way
 - Plaza de España
 - Fountain
 - Repaving
 - Clean
 - Holiday Decorations
- Tot Lot Shade Structures, i.e. Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Park
- Tot Lot Flooring- lighter palette
- Bike Racks
- Re-asphalt Flamingo Park track
- Trails in North Beach
- Sculpture Decoration at Flamingo Park Entrances
- Shade Canopy in Tot lots
- Ocean Dr & 2nd, 13th Streets – shade canopy
- Bike Rack- Ocean Drive and Lincoln Road (decorative if possible)
- Trash Receptacles
- Crosswalks along West Avenue (15th, 16th and Collins & Lincoln, 23rd and Liberty)- especially, where no traffic lights present
- Stamped Asphalt Crosswalks- blinking lights like in CA
- Bike Striping on major streets
- Include Pooper Scooper Signage on Neighborhood Parking Signs

- More enforcement of pooper scooper ordinance
- Brighter street signage (street names, etc)
- Julia Tuttle – WELCOME MB sign, lighting & carry throughout the beach
- Dog pooper dispensers w/trash receptacles
- Alley improvements- lighting & repavement (beautification)
- Lighting along canopy on Meridian Avenue (dim because above canopy)
- Trash Receptacles
- 41st Street Beautification project
- Collins Park Tot Lot
- Improvement of Swale on Meridian Avenue by Park, both sides
- Lincoln Road Parking Garage- cleanliness
- Urban Forester to look at trees that provide shade canopy and survive hurricanes
- Flamingo Park – Master Plan update; attention to green space and shade canopy; relocation of property management
- Traffic circulation- Bike racks; implementation of bike paths from SoBe thru rest of the Beach
- Next step of Baylink studies/ planning
- Shade Canopy in municipal parking lots
- Code Enforcement- Pooper Scooper
- Pooper Scooper Dispenser and Trash receptacle
- Clay Track/ Rubber surface for Flamingo Park Track or another location

Received Separately:

- Increased and improved landscaping at the corner bumpouts on the west side of Ocean Drive – 5th – 14th streets
- Replacement of showers and water fountains at the plaza ends / beach entries from 5th – 15th streets
- Improvements to the 6th and 10th Street public restrooms (complete interior refurbishment – exterior lighting etc)
- New exercise par course west of dune
- New volleyball nets in Lummus Park Beach
- SoBe Local (extend route to 22nd St; to assist the elderly and get to the Library)
- Chiller for the Flamingo Park Pool
- Lights at Flamingo Park Pool (extend hours of operation)

North Beach
May 23, 2006
North Shore Youth Center

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES:

*GENERAL BEAUTIFICATION, BANDSHELL & NORMANDY GOLF COURSE

- Streetlights- voltage low, i.e. Collins Avenue
- Shade structure for the Bandshell
- Additional lighting for the Bandshell
- Sound system for Bandshell
- Re-landscaping of Collins Avenue (63rd – North) (Parks already addressing this)
- Bike racks
- Dickens & 73rd Street Lot – Community Garden or Bark Park
- Additional lighting inside North Shore Open Space Park
- Beaches
 - Additional Trash Receptacles
 - Beach Clean up
 - Beach Erosion
- Benches & Tables @ North Shore Open Space Park
- Solar powered lights for North Shore Youth Center
- Bandshell- marquee, lighting, sound
- 71st Street, Normandy Drive, Collins Avenue- trees
- Between 72nd & 75th Street on Collins Avenue- sidewalks dirty
- Note: 73rd & Collins not clean; not sure if 5-day clean up being done
- Shane Watersports Center
 - Signage
 - Dock improvements
 - Community Rowing Program
 - Other capital projects
- Beautification of Collins & 71- 75 (Commercial District)
- Harding & Low 70s- Trees in Bulb outs
- 87th Terrace- WELCOME TO MIAMI BEACH
- Elimination of redundant utility poles (citywide coordination)
- Sidewalks – Collins & Harding
- Asphaltting of streets- 86, 72, 73, 82, Harding, Dickens, etc.
- MIAMIBEACH sign on Causeway
- Normandy Fountain- make sure working, paint, lights, trash, etc.
- MB Magazine- story on proper walking on the beach for elderly
- Normandy Shores Golf Course
- Tot Lots for North Shore Open Space Park, Bandshell
- Commercial Area from 71 to 75 – Beautification Effort, Lighting, etc
- North Shore Open Space Park- Nature Center needs to be repaired
- Non-native plants growing on the dune that need to be removed (sea oats to replace)
- Canal walk behind Biscayne Elementary – walkway paving needs to be repaired, add lighting component
- NORTH BEACH stickers to be distributed to hotels for distribution
- Sunday, Thursday, Sunday- advertising for these meetings; emphasize it's a annual meeting

Middle Beach
May 24, 2006
21st Street Recreation Center

- Trails
- Fields
- Foot Bridges like 41st Street improvements (mosaic)- Lake Pancoast to Collins Avenue
- Par 3 Golf Course Renovation- landscaping, clubhouse, & maintenance (Prairie to Pine Tree, 28th Street to Dade Boulevard)
- Beach Access from 55th-60th & Collins Avenue (no access for residents who live there)
- Par 3 Golf Course- trees, maintenance
- 28th Street Pump Station – odor and landscaping
- Beach High – Shouldn't take over Par 3 Golf Course; fences, construction site clean up
- Mount Sinai Hospital – Emergency Room Improvements
- Wayfinding Signage (related to the hospital)
- Par 3 Golf Course Improvements
- Certify the Bath Club Passage Way as valid entrance to the beach
 - Parking rates at the parking lot by Fire Station (Beach) more amenable to public visiting the beach
- Boardwalk extended thru Middle Beach
- Bus shelter replacement (beautification) and no advertising on the bus shelters
- Sidewalks thru the 50s need to be redone/resurfaced
- Traffic lights reprogramming: Traffic lights to work at all times; no blinking lights
- Par 3 – Fire Station 2 equipment removal
- Litter- Increased service levels by schools & Scott Rakow as well as additional trash receptacles
- Pedestrian countdown signals
- Enhanced crosswalks
- La Gorce Island- Trees/landscaping and lighting replacement (hurricane damage)
- Pooper Scooper dispenser & receptacle combo
- Water fountains/features
- Drinking fountains
- Note- all projects to meet ADA requirements
- White Cane Law- education piece for the community
- Timing of Traffic Lights to be extended to make City more pedestrian-friendly
- Pedestrian countdown signals
- Watering/Mist mechanism over trees (i.e., 41st Street); for pedestrian walkways